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In the claims:

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Presently amended) A dual leading-shoe drum brake system comprising:
- a backing plate;
  - an upper anchor secured to an upper part of said backing plate;
  - a lower anchor secured to a lower part of said backing plate;
  - first and second substantially identical actuating levers arranged symmetrically with respect to a line between said upper and lower anchors for radial movement and engaging said lower anchor;
  - first and second substantially identical brake shoes, each of said brake shoes being located adjacent a respective one of said actuating levers and adapted to be activated by said lever; wherein said brake shoes selectively engage said upper and lower anchors to transfer braking forces during braking;
  - an actuating cylinder engaging upper ends of said actuating levers to urge said levers apart and initiate said braking,
  - an adjustment link extending between said first and second actuating levers, and
  - a parking brake lever pivotally attached to one of said actuating levers and engaging said adjustment link for applying a force to said adjustment link to operate the parking brakes.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Original) A system according to claim 7 wherein each of said brake shoes is connected to said respective one of said actuating levers.

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11. (Presently amended) A system according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 1 wherein said first anchor comprises at least one block secured to said backing plate by an attaching element that is placed primarily in shear by application of braking forces to said anchor.
12. (Presently amended) A system according to claim ~~[[10]]~~ 11 wherein said attaching element comprises one or more rivets.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)